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With Blue, Green, and Smoked Glasses, Eye

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Ships' Medicine Chests fitted in accord-

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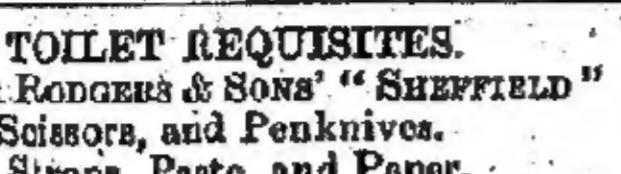
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Razors, Scissors, and Penknives.  
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A Large and commodious RESIDENCE,  
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Two Separate Dwellings.

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'THE FALLS' on R. B. L. No. 28.—  
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These Houses are well situated, command  
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Residences.

For Rent and other Particulars, apply to  
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ruptcy.

Hongkong, February 4, 1890. 225

## TO LET.

2ND FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 64, and  
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68, Queen's Road Central.

Apply to LAI HING & Co.,  
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Hongkong, July 1, 1889. 1267

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THAT Suite of OFFICES on the First  
FLOOR of the Company's Premises in  
Ice House Lane, at present occupied by  
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TWO GODDONS ON THE GROUND FLOOR  
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suitable for an OFFICE, with entrance  
from the South side of the Building.

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GER at the Depot, or to JARDINE,  
MATTHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 27, 1890. 167

## TO LET.

From 1st March.

BAXTER HOUSE EAST, BONHAM  
Road. Apply to ARATHOON SETH,  
Hongkong, January 31, 1890. 196

## TO LET.

FROM 1st February next, Nos. 53, 55  
and 57, PEEL STREET. Apply to EDWARD GEORGE,  
Hongkong, January 9, 1890. 58

## TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS.'

Apply to DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 93

## TO LET.

1ST FLOOR of HOUSE No. 15, PEAK  
CENTRAL. Possession from 1st January next.

Apply to LAI HING & Co.,  
No. 153, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, December 30, 1889. 2452

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HOUSE No. 2, 'SMITH'S VILLAS,'  
Magazine Gap, a spacious Five-  
ROOMED HOUSE, with Basement and Out-  
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THE TOP FLOOR of GIBB, LIVINGSTON  
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SPACIOUS ROOMS and Three BATH-  
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James F. Howell—Melchers & Co.

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J. W. Cartt—Master.

OCEAN, British barque, Captain A. O.  
Brown—Master.

P. N. BLANCHARD, American ship, Capt.  
N. W. Blanchard—Order.

RAM MENDEL, British barque, Capt. D.  
Gower—Captain.

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THE HONGKONG  
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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$5,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000  
RESERVE FUND, 1,250,000

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VICTORIA BUILDINGS,  
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. 844

THE SHAMEEN HOTEL AND LAND  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a THIRD  
CALL of FIVE DOLLARS per Share  
in the above Company is due on the 15th  
day of February next, and is payable at the  
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CEYLON.

INTEREST at the Rate of TWELVE PER  
CENT. per Annum will be charged on All  
Calls UNPAID on the due date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

The 'Military Mummers' were fortunate in securing good audiences at their performances of H. J. Byron's comedy 'Weak Woman' last week. The effort was a somewhat ambitious one, all things considered, but the 'Mummers' have no lack of talent, and their presentation of the comedy met with cordial and well-merited approval. On Thursday evening 'Weak Woman' was preceded by the farce 'B.B.', and on Saturday by 'Stasher and Crashie', both of which were very successfully rendered. The following was the cast for 'Weak Woman':—

Doctor Fawcett, (A London Physician.)	Mr. J. Dade.
CAPTAIN GIBSON, (Of the British Brigade.)	Mr. J. M. Neale.
STAFF CORPS.	Miss E. C. Moore.
ADMIRAL MACKINNON, (A young Ensign in the Royal Navy.)	Miss F. E. Dene.
TOTAL, (A provincial Sailor.)	Miss S. M. May.
FREDERICK FAWCETTE, (An English Sailor.)	Miss C. C. May.
EDWARD, (A young Ensign in the Royal Navy.)	Miss A. P. Dene.
MRS. GALT, (The Mother of the Captain.)	Miss M. J. Hackett.
LILIAN GALT, (Captain's Daughter.)	Miss M. R. Longford.
Mrs. GALT,	Miss J. Orchard.

Miss Nellie Blay, of the New York World, proved victorious in her race round the world against Miss Bland, the representative of a rival journal.

We note from telegrams in American papers received by the last mail that Miss Amy Sherwin, who visited Hongkong last year, has made a very successful debut in Berlin.

KIN-HWA-FU.—A Correspondent writing from the above place on the 14th ult. says:—There is considerable distress among the people here. We had a splendid harvest, but exports were so heavy that things are almost at famine prices.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

We hear that there is a likelihood of the P. & O. shortly running their steamers up to Liverpool, for the purposes of loading, and so avoid the heavy railway charges from Cott-nopolis to London. Such a move would naturally be resented and avoided, for the future. It is said that His Excellency has telegraphed to Li Hung Chang, Superintendent of Trade for the Northern Ports, recommending that they should each grant a further subsidy of £1,000,000 to the Foochow Arsenal for the construction of more iron-clads with little delay as possible.

The dangerous state of the roads in Formosa is evidenced by a recent adventure which cost four native merchants proceeding from Tainan to Tamsui with \$300 to purchase goods. They were stopped by a band of about 30 armed 'road agents' or a desolate sand waste called Santinglou (Three-beaver Hill) close to Tamsui, on 10th January, and robbed of all their money, one receiving several grievous gunshot wounds, and others of the little party being slightly wounded, although they offered no resistance to the robbers. The catchings continued at intervals for nearly half an hour.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The income of the Nippon Yuen Kaihsui, which has hitherto been yen 1,100,000 on an average annually, fell so much in consequence of the opening of the Tokaido Railway that for the second half of 1889 it was only about yen 370,000. As compared with the same period of the previous year this shows a decrease of about yen 130,000.—*Japan Mail*.

We observe that the ship John McLeod, which went ashore to the northward of Satsuma Spit, was floated off and towed to Yokosuka. A preliminary examination disclosed that her false keel was torn off for and aft, the bottom (particularly the tubes) in several places badly chafed, that the vessel has been badly strained and her through fastenings broken. It is expected that the repairs will take five or six weeks.

At the end of last Chinese year there were many failures among the native firms of Foochow. It is said that at the annual settling of accounts the town shops as a general rule only obtained payment of about six-tenths of what was due to them from their customers, and the country people only about seven-tenths. This unsatisfactory state of things is attributable to the decay in the tea trade, the consequences of which are felt in other branches of business.—*Navy paper*.

The Japan Gazette understands that the P. & O. boat Konkan, on her arrival at Japan, will be transferred to a Kolo firm. This firm in question is said to be that of Mr. Frank Upton, general agent in the East for the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., and the Union Pacific Railroad. According to the Nagasaki Express, Capt. F. Taylor, a well known Shanghai pilot, has been appointed to the command of the s.s. Konkan, which vessel it is intended to run between Kobe and Vancouver.

A QUESTION FOR THE WAR OFFICE.—'What war to-morrow morning?' What would it mean to-day? What would it mean any time last year? What would it mean any time in the next? White fire Continental Powers could declare war at twelve hours' notice, while England would if any Minister put her nowadays in such a hole as that? How long has it taken to arm eight battalions with the new rifle, which was approved—will not my hand be what it should? Can we have, any 250,000 rifles in a month—if we want them? There are questions which we would like to ask the War Office, while wishing them a happy new year in some respects the last has been.—*Broad Arrow*.

A JAPANESE PAPER AT SHANGHAI.—According to the *Meishin Shimbun*, a project is on foot to start a Japanese newspaper at Shanghai. The promoter of the scheme is Mr. Matsuno Heisaburo of Nagasaki, who has been staying at Shanghai for some time past. The plan is said to have originated with Mr. Matsuno's deceased brother, who owned a printing office in Shanghai, and had nearly completed all the necessary preparations for issuing a journal when he died last year. The paper will be called the *Shanghai Shimbun* and its first number is to be issued on the 1st of March. The promoter, who is now staying in Tokyo, invited to dinner the principal journalists of the capital on the 23rd instant, at the Tokwa-kei, Hamacho, and explained his plans. He is reported to have told his guests that the *Shanghai Shimbun* will be printed in clear type and on strong paper, written in plain simple Japanese, and that its columns will be filled with notes on the various interesting events in China, the political, commercial, military, religious, domestic, industrial, and artistic fields. The projected paper is believed to be a useful and promising enterprise, now that the Japanese are more and more turning their attention to the development of commercial relations between their country and the Middle Kingdom. Mr. Matsuno, it is also stated, will probably receive some assistance in the editorial department from Mr. Tsu Shin, formerly of the Foreign Office.

A DERELIOT vessel, of about 600 tons, is reported to have been seen off Sasebo, in the track of vessels bound to Yokohama.

THE Shanghai Mercury of last Friday says:—This evening, between 5 and 6 o'clock, word was brought to the Central Police Station that a Chinaman living in the native hotel, 530, Kiukiang Road, had been murdered. The Police proceeded to the place, and found a young Soochow woman lying on the floor in a pool of blood, with a deep gash in her throat severing the larynx. She was quite dead. A man with whom she lived is suspected of being the murderer, and the police are looking for him.

The following are estimated as the approximate losses sustained by English insurance companies through the great Boston fire:—The Liverpool and London and Globe are interested for probably £30,000; Royal £20,000; Sun, £20,000; Northern, £13,000; North British and Mercantile, £13,000; Commercial Union, £12,000; Phoenix £10,000; London and Lancashire, £9,000; Imperial, £9,000; Guardian, £8,000; City of London, £8,000; and London Assurance £5,000.

For a correspondent at Tientsin, under date the 22nd ult., we learn that the weather was fine and the river open, so that steamers could get to the settlement. The writer says that things there are in an advanced state. The Town Hall was to cost fifteen thousand taels and that sum was granted for it; it is now reported that at least twice that sum will be required to complete it; but details would be known after the Municipal meeting on the 30th. Mr. Dering was making a good recovery from his accident, and the next Race Meeting would be held this month.—*N. G. Daily News*.

CONCERNING the Foochow Arsenal we hear, says a native paper, that the employés are all elated at the news that Viceoy Tsiang, Superintendent of Trade for the Southern Ports, is convinced, after a survey by foreign experts, that the defects in the machinery of the iron-clad war-vessels recently launched from the Foochow yards are slight, and that they may be easily remedied and avoided, for the future. It is said that His Excellency has telegraphed to Li Hung Chang, Superintendent of Trade for the Northern Ports, recommending that they should each grant a further subsidy of £1,000,000 to the Foochow Arsenal for the construction of more iron-clads with little delay as possible.

After 10 o'clock on the night of the 20th of last month, a sharp earthquake shock was felt at Taiwan. The motion was unattended, with disaster, but it was sufficient to set articles in the houses in motion, and greatly frightened the people. The earth tremblings continued at intervals for nearly half an hour.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The income of the Nippon Yuen Kaihsui, which has hitherto been yen 1,100,000 on an average annually, fell so much in consequence of the opening of the Tokaido Railway that for the second half of 1889 it was only about yen 370,000. As compared with the same period of the previous year this shows a decrease of about yen 130,000.—*Japan Mail*.

We observe that the ship John McLeod, which went ashore to the northward of Satsuma Spit, was floated off and towed to Yokosuka. A preliminary examination disclosed that her false keel was torn off for and aft, the bottom (particularly the tubes) in several places badly chafed, that the vessel has been badly strained and her through fastenings broken. It is expected that the repairs will take five or six weeks.

At the end of last Chinese year there were many failures among the native firms of Foochow. It is said that at the annual settling of accounts the town shops as a general rule only obtained payment of about six-tenths of what was due to them from their customers, and the country people only about seven-tenths. This unsatisfactory state of things is attributable to the decay in the tea trade, the consequences of which are felt in other branches of business.—*Navy paper*.

The Japan Gazette understands that the P. & O. boat Konkan, on her arrival at Japan, will be transferred to a Kolo firm. This firm in question is said to be that of Mr. Frank Upton, general agent in the East for the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., and the Union Pacific Railroad. According to the Nagasaki Express, Capt. F. Taylor, a well known Shanghai pilot, has been appointed to the command of the s.s. Konkan, which vessel it is intended to run between Kobe and Vancouver.

A QUESTION FOR THE WAR OFFICE.—'What war to-morrow morning?' What would it mean to-day? What would it mean any time last year? What would it mean any time in the next? White fire Continental Powers could declare war at twelve hours' notice, while England would if any Minister put her nowadays in such a hole as that? How long has it taken to arm eight battalions with the new rifle, which was approved—will not my hand be what it should? Can we have, any 250,000 rifles in a month—if we want them? There are questions which we would like to ask the War Office, while wishing them a happy new year in some respects the last has been.—*Broad Arrow*.

A JAPANESE PAPER AT SHANGHAI.—According to the *Meishin Shimbun*, a project is on foot to start a Japanese newspaper at Shanghai. The promoter of the scheme is Mr. Matsuno Heisaburo of Nagasaki, who has been staying at Shanghai for some time past. The plan is said to have originated with Mr. Matsuno's deceased brother, who owned a printing office in Shanghai, and had nearly completed all the necessary preparations for issuing a journal when he died last year. The paper will be called the *Shanghai Shimbun* and its first number is to be issued on the 1st of March. The promoter, who is now staying in Tokyo, invited to dinner the principal journalists of the capital on the 23rd instant, at the Tokwa-kei, Hamacho, and explained his plans. He is reported to have told his guests that the *Shanghai Shimbun* will be printed in clear type and on strong paper, written in plain simple Japanese, and that its columns will be filled with notes on the various interesting events in China, the political, commercial, military, religious, domestic, industrial, and artistic fields. The projected paper is believed to be a useful and promising enterprise, now that the Japanese are more and more turning their attention to the development of commercial relations between their country and the Middle Kingdom. Mr. Matsuno, it is also stated, will probably receive some assistance in the editorial department from Mr. Tsu Shin, formerly of the Foreign Office.

Mr. Chen, formerly Mixed Court Magistrate at Shanghai, held an official reception at his Yamen the other day in honor of his eightieth birthday. The reception was attended by nearly all the foreign Consuls in Shanghai.

BEST SUGAR IN JAPAN.—Japan, says the *Kobe Herald*, is endeavouring to introduce the cultivation of the sugar beet and establish a factory near the capital of that empire. So far, best culture has been engaged in only by a few of the people, who have been encouraged and assisted in their efforts by the Government.

A FOOLISH SCARE ABOUT THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.—The *Chinese Times* of 25th ult. says:—One of those idiotic scares about the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank which are periodically put up caused great excitement among the Chinese in Tientsin this week, the officials, in particular being infected with the insanity in an acute form. The origin of the trouble was simple enough; a cheque drawn in Tientsin on the Bank in Shanghai being insufficiently provided for was not paid. The incident, which was of an every-day kind, was explained to the complete satisfaction of the Chinese mercantile community, and had the matter been allowed to rest there nothing would have been heard of it. There is a Chinese official in Shanghai who makes himself so busy always in these affairs that it is a Chinese in Tientsin the most alarming thing about the Bank is the result of causing a stampede among them as if they were a herd of wild asses. The way these helpless victims of the hoax spent Monday night is most gratifying to one who, in any way is connected with the Government of this colony. I am only too anxious to see how the Chinese will react to this.

The stampede was at 10.57. *Champlain* was first across the line, *Dai 2nd*, *Christine* close up. They reached down on flood tide to *Stonecutters*, passing South end of the island at the following times:—*Christine*, 11.15; *Champlain*, 11.10; *Dai*, 11.18. *Christine* and *Champlain* were at *W. R. O.* Dock, and they passed N. end of *Stonecutters*—*Dai*, 12.10; *Christine*, 12.15; *Magno*, 12.17. *Jeanette* and *Champlain* were well up, but they retired at this point. The wind freshening to strong breeze, *Dai* and *Christine* were working up tick and tack for *Champlain* Rock. *Magno* kept company with *Christine* and *Dai* racing down the rocks at 2.15. *Christine*, which had kept into Kowloon Bay for tide, rounding 5 min. later, *Dai* shot out reef, and ran home before strong breeze. *Christine* and *Magno* were up tick and tack for *Champlain* Rock, but failed to catch it. The wind was made more rapid by the Inspector of Schools with regard to this institution which is most gratifying to one who, in any way is connected with the Government of this colony. I am only too anxious to see how the Chinese will react to this.

CHRISTINE

Jeanette scratch.  
Magno 1 minute.  
Dai 1 minute.  
Champlain 2 minutes.  
Magno 3 minutes.

## A Brawl About a Ball.

The Ball which we rate our cloaks, Which falls from the stuff near Kowloon Dock.

Is broken down, it seems to me,  
Or else the Jokers on the spire.  
To see it drop would be a treat,  
And put the sailor on his feet.  
A Comet may be very fine—  
What Sailors want is G. M. time.  
Jardine's moon-gon is pretty straight,  
But not good enough to get a rate.  
When the grow becomes a little louder,  
Perhaps they'll try a little powder;  
Or perhaps some kind and saucy See-  
fender.  
Will from his masthead drop a good cork-fender.

## CHRONOMETER.

[Now, then, drop it do!]—*Eu*—

PRIIZE DISTRIBUTION AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Joseph's College took place on Saturday afternoon. The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. F. Fleming, presided, and there was a large gathering of pupils, parents, and friends of the institution. Before the distribution of prizes, a number of the boys gave a musical and dramatic entertainment, which was received with much approbation. The following was the programme:—

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Canzon—J. P. Fonca.  
Farmers—J. P. Fonca.  
Hector's Boy—F. James.  
Mr. Horneppen—Gregory's Father—J. P. Fonca.  
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